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FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5355

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 15973

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, IT
SUBJECT: PAPAL INAUGURAL CEREMONY: GIFTS

REF: STATE 219647

1. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT ONLY FORMAL EXCHANGE OF GIFTS IN CONNECTION WITH VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WILL BE WITH POPE JOHN PAUL. WE RECOMMEND BOUND VOLUMES OF MARK TWAIN'S WORKS AS POPE IS KNOWN TO BE TWAIN FAN. AS ALTERNATIVE, WE WOULD SUPPORT AMBASSADOR DOBELLE'S SUGGESTION OF SET OF NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGES FROM FIFTY STATES COVERING POPE'S ELECTION.

2. GOI INFORM US THAT PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI WOULD NOT PLAN TO GIVE GIFT. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT A STANDARD PRESENTATION BOOK BE BROUGHT ALONG, HOWEVER, IN CASE ANDREOTTI DECIDES TO GIVE BOOK TO VICE PRESIDENT.

3. AS OF NOW, PRESIDENT PERTINI IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO ROME FOR INAUGURAL CEREMONIES. SHOULD APPOINTMENT WITH PERTINI MATERIALIZE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS LEATHER TOBACCO POUCH(PERTINI, WHO IS A PIPE SMOKER, WAS GIVEN PIPE BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S MOTHER DURING HER JULY VISIT HERE) OR BOOK SUCH AS ALISTAIR COOKE'S
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AMERICA (EMBASSY HAS COPY IN ITALIAN ON HAND HERE.)

4. EMBASSY GIFT OFFICER FOR VISIT IS FSO KATHERINE SHIRLEY. HOLMES

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